

## Gorebridge Weekly eNews 16.8.24

Dear Gorebridge Families,

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school this week and to see our pupils arrive with smiles on their faces. We have had a fabulous start back to school. It is great to see the children looking so smart in their school uniform.

This eNews is a weekly bulletin which will contain whole school and community updates, key dates for your diaries and other relevant topics linked to Gorebridge learning and improvement. Please do look out for this. We also will put a copy on the school website.

This week's eNews contains information regarding:

- Medication
- Whole school learning context – “MADD about Gorebridge”
- Hot Chocolate Fridays
- Data Capture and PC Forms
- Digital consent and pupil pledge
- Entry points into the school
- Waterproof Jackets and Suncream
- Dates for your diary

### **Medication**

Just a quick reminder that if your child requires medication of any kind (eg. Inhalers, allergy meds etc. ) please hand them into the school office where Mrs Reid and Miss Lang will help you to complete the necessary paperwork

### **Whole school learning context - “MADD about Gorebridge”**

We are starting the session with a whole school Expressive Arts project called “MADD about Gorebridge”. The letters in “MADD” stand for Music, Art, Drama and Dance. Over the coming weeks, children will be taking part in a variety of activities which are designed to bring the school community together in celebration of our local area - Gorebridge! If you feel you have any skills (eg. you are musical, artistic or are into drama and dance) or information which may help us, please get in touch with the school via the office.

### **Hot Chocolate Fridays**

Today saw us celebrate our first “Hot Chocolate Friday” with this week's Star Learners. Star Learners are selected by the class teacher for going above and beyond and making a real effort in school and they celebrate with Mrs Palmer with a hot chocolate.

### **Data Capture and PC Forms**

In the coming weeks please look out for the annual data capture sheet and the PC form which will come home with pupils in an envelope.

### **Digital Consent and Pupil Pledge**

Alongside the annual data check there will also be a form about parental / carer consent for iPads and Chromebooks and the Pupil Pledge which details the expectations for safe and appropriate use of devices in school and at home. Please take time to read, complete and return to school at your

earliest convenience. Devices will begin to be sent home after the September weekend and after we have received consent slips.

### **Entry points into the school**

Please remind your child that if they do not attend breakfast club in the morning, they should enter the school via the atrium doors and should only come through the office if the gates are locked (usually around 9am).

### **Waterproof Jackets and Suncream**

Please can children be sent to school every day with a waterproof jacket. We try to get the children out come rain or shine as we know that fresh air and exercise aids concentration and focus. It is really important that children have a jacket to allow them to go outside in spite of wet weather. Of course, in extreme weather conditions, we will have an inside playtime. Equally, if the weather is looking warm and sunny, please ensure suncream is applied before coming to school.

### **Dates for you diary:**

- Thursday 12th September, 3:30 - 4:30pm - Meet the Teacher and Sharing Learning Event
- Friday 13th - Monday 16th September - School closed for half term holiday
- Thursday 26th September - School photos
- Tuesday 8th October - Bring Our Adult To School (BOATS) Times to be confirmed.
- Friday 11th October - Last day of school before the October week